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For: EXTREMELY FINE SHAPE MEMORY)	
ALLOY WIRE, COMPOSITE MATERIAL)	
USING THE SAME, AND PROCESS FOR)	
PRODUCING THE SAME)	

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In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of the International Search Report from the European Patent Office on the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived cites the documents, setting forth the relevance thereof.

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		SAITO, et al. "A New Fabrication Process of TiNi Shape Memory Wire", Materials Science and Engineering, No A161, 1993, pages 91-96.

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